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Redstone plays role in air show

Huntsville Airport event
features Blue Angels

By KIM GILLESPIE
For the Rocket

The Navy's Blue Angels soar into Huntsville for appearances March 29-30 at the Huntsville International Airport.

The Blue Angels, the Navy's jet demonstration team, will headline the airport's 2003 air show. Activities include various aerial acts, and displays from the Army and Redstone Arsenal, and other local aviation and aeronautical related organizations.

General admission viewing for the air show is free, but admission for parking is \$5 per vehicle. Box seats will be available for \$5 per chair, and will be located on the flightline. Box seats are purchased at the show, on a first come, first serve basis. A private seating area on the flightline, called the Huntsville Hospitality Chalet, costs \$75 per person and will offer a catered

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Blue Angels Public Affairs Office

OUT OF THE BLUE— Blue Angels one through four perform one of their signature maneuvers, the Diamond 360. The F/A-18 Hornets are approximately 18 inches apart from canopy to wing tip.

Army Emergency Relief affected by world events

Annual campaign
has \$65,000 goal

By SKIP VAUGHN
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The annual fund-raising campaign to help soldiers and their families takes on added significance with the possibility of war against Iraq.

"This will be potentially one of those years where the families staying behind will need help," Col. David Hafele, commander of the Ordnance Munitions and Electronics Maintenance School and the 59th Ordnance Brigade, said during the Army Emergency Relief kickoff March 3 at Bob Jones Auditorium.

Army Emergency Relief provides loans or grants to active duty and retired soldiers and their families when they need assistance. The fund-raising campaign continues through May 15.

"AER assistance is available to soldiers and their families no matter where they are in the world in times of financial crisis," Hafele said. "The Army is committed to taking care of its own."

The campaign goal is \$65,000. Last year's drive raised more than \$102,000, exceeding the \$50,000 goal.

Last year some \$352,733 was distributed to 483 active duty soldiers, retirees and qualifying family members. Armywide, \$38 million went to more than 53,000 soldiers and their families.

"AER has been serving soldiers for 61 years now," Kristi Foster, AER officer, said. 1st Lt. William Bridger of Alpha 131st is the campaign chairman; and SSgt. Tyrone Stewart of MEDDAC is co-chairman.

This year's campaign theme is "In Peace and War, Your Army

Emergency Relief is Always There." The WilTech Singers from Williams Technology Middle School performed during the kickoff.

"This is a great opportunity for you to help take care of soldiers in the Army community," Col. Bob Devlin, the garrison commander, said.

For more information, call Foster of Army Community Service at 876-5397.



Photo by Skip Vaughn

MAKING PLANS— From left are SSgt. Tyrone Stewart, campaign co-chairman; Kristi Foster, AER officer; and 1st Lt. William Bridger, campaign chairman.

Letters to the editor

Patron unsold on supply store

I have been working at Redstone Arsenal since 1987, first as Army personnel and since 1989 as a contractor employee. I have seen lots of changes in the Base Supply Center, first from the point of Northrop Grumman operating it until taken over by the Alabama Industries for the Blind.

While in the 8000 area, the AIB did an OK job; it was new, and the service was good. Not as good as NG was but then they are different type contractors and operations.

However, since the AIB relocated to building 3775 on Maintenance Road, I and several of my co-workers have noticed some negative changes at the facility. First they have had more than one manager, the latest being one that I find fault with. When the previous manager had the building it was clean, well organized and very

efficient, at least from our perception.

However, over the past year or so, the facility is always dirty, messy, very disorganized, not well kept to reflect the Army or the company operating it now. Several times I have gone in for supplies to find one lady in the outer office playing cards on the computer, being met by sarcastic remarks made by some of the male employees, and unable to find the manager when really needed. Once, when found, she acted as though she was bothered not by my complaint, but me reporting my concerns to her. Of the entire staff, not all are rude or sarcastic; but unfortunately, they are pitted in the same group.

Maybe it is me, and the way I and many others here at RSA have been brought along in the military or the manner my company expects its employees to behave

toward the customer. But this operation needs a fix and real soon. By the way, many of the prices are cheaper at Office Max. We are really paying for the convenience of having this store on post as far as I can determine and it borders on fraud waste and abuse as far as I am concerned.

We really don't need nor do I think we desire sarcasm from a clerk or being ignored by a manager that is here to serve the United States Army.

Name withheld by request

Editor's note: The Garrison provided the following response. "The Redstone BSC manager openly apologizes for any time that she ever appeared rude to a customer or seemed to ignore a customer. All personnel and customers at Redstone are important to the Redstone BSC and to Alabama Industries for the Blind. At any time that the BSC is open, there will be a member of management on duty in the

store. The manager is required to perform other duties in support of the Redstone mission and is out of the store from time to time. The manager of the BSC can be reached by cell phone (256) 506-6365 or contact the assistant manager, Tammy Rockhill, who is required to be in the store when the manager is out. The complete BSC staff has been given additional training on customer service and the problem encountered with the staff should never happen again. The BSC manager will be happy to sit down with any customer one on one and work to resolve any BSC problem that they may have. Any customer who would like to speak with Jerry Morgan, AIB's military operations manager, can call (256) 761-3388 or 800-801-9032 to discuss a BSC problem and work to resolve the problem. The government point of contact at Redstone Arsenal is Don Olsen, 876-1692, director of logistics, U.S. Army Garrison-Redstone."

Nineteen join ranks in Redstone units

Nineteen soldiers, including two officers, arrived for duty in February.

The Garrison provided the following list:

- Sgt. Aretha Garrett and 1st Lt. Thomas Gregory, AMCOM; SSgt. Nathaniel Rogers, SSgt. Gregory Stokes, SSgt. Bernard Gray, SSgt. Delbert Francis, SSgt. Jon R. Harris and MSgt. Barrett Parris, Delta Company; SFC Wanda Walters, Spec. Mark Lewis and Cpl. Chaya

Passmore, HHC 59th;

- Spec. Michael King and Sgt. George Limberakis, MEDDAC; SFC Al Johnson, Logistics Support Activity; Sgt. Oliver King, 95th Maintenance Company; SFC Ernesto Vaquez and SSgt. Michael Snell, Headquarters & Alpha; SFC Rodger Pettitt, Garrison; and Lt. Col. Gregory Kokoskie, Program Executive Office for Aviation.

Big seminar focuses on professionalism

The Huntsville-Madison County Chapter of Blacks in Government will sponsor its annual Professional Development Seminar, Thursday at Bob Jones Auditorium.

The theme is "Accept the Challenge, Exceed the Standard Through Professional Development."

"We believe that individuals attending the seminar will broaden their interpersonal communication skills; as well as, enable them to acquire new and improved organizational skills that will prove beneficial to their organization," Mary Peoples, BIG chapter president, said.

The workshop presenter is an international motivational speaker, Lee Mil-

teer, who will coach the morning session addressing subjects as Professionalism in the Office, Take Back Your Life, Selling With a Vision, Designing Your Destiny, and Capitalizing on Change. Afternoon sessions will feature the topics Make Finance Management Make Cents, and Understanding the EEO Complaint Process, Team Building — What is it?

A new feature has been added to this year's agenda that will include a Forum on Employment Issues consisting of senior leaders of local Army and NASA agencies.

The seminar cost is \$100. For more information, call 551-7230.

An open lane random survey

What do you think about women in combat?

By KELLEY LANE

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Pvt. Lorna Bradford

"I think we're trained to do the same things the men do. If they go to combat, so should we."



SSgt. Michael Scoles

"If they want to do it then they should be able to do it."



Sandra McAllister, retired Air Force dependent

"I wouldn't want to do it, but if they have the desire and the training then let them do it."



Lois Reed, retired Air Force spouse

"I think about myself and how fearful I would be. I guess that's the concern, the fear."

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Full month of activities under way for Easter season

Bicentennial Chapel sponsoring events

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Easter is, to many of us, the season of bunnies, fuzzy chicks and chocolate eggs. While Easter baskets and candy are a fun part of the holiday, they are not the sole basis for the celebration. Bicentennial Chapel would have us remember the idea behind the bunnies this Easter season. A cross has been placed in the foyer for reflection on this part of the Christian faith and the meaning of the holiday.

"Easter, which is the culmination of Lent, is a very special time of year as we remember the significance of the season," Garrison chaplain Lt. Col. John Penney said. "The message for the Christian faith is one of hope — for a new life in the

Lord Jesus Christ and for eternal life to come. I encourage everyone to renew themselves in worship, service and prayer as we walk again in the footprints of our faith."

As part of this celebration, Bicentennial Chapel has a month full of activities planned. Ash Wednesday began the season March 5.

For the Catholic community, Stations of the Cross are scheduled for every Friday at 6 p.m. until Palm Sunday, April 13. After each service a soup supper is planned to nourish the body along with the soul. A St. Patrick's Day potluck is also slated for this Saturday at 6 p.m. Mass of the Last Supper will be held on Thursday, April 17. That Friday will have the Passion Liturgy and the Easter Vigil Mass will be April 19. Easter Mass begins at 9:30 Easter morning.

For the Protestants, Palm Sunday begins Holy Week. A Good Friday service is planned for noon, featuring

the last seven sayings of Christ. The high point of the Protestant activities is the Easter Sunrise Service, beginning at 6:30 a.m. A Redstone tradition, it will be held behind the old chapel on Patton Road. With three crosses in the background, the outdoor service promises to be an inspirational event. Seating will be provided. A guest speaker is planned and will be announced later. Following the early morning service, an Easter Sunrise Breakfast will be held at Bicentennial Chapel at 7:45. The regularly scheduled 11 a.m. service will be held as usual with an Easter theme.

For any and all denominations, the classic Easter egg hunt will be held on the chapel grounds April 12 at 10 a.m. While everyone is familiar with Easter eggs, not many know their significance.

"The egg represents the tomb," Patty

Wilson, religious education coordinator, said. "The new life breaking forth from the tomb, the shell, imitates the resurrection. Searching for eggs symbolizes the hunt for Jesus in our lives."

Attendees are urged to be prompt, as the story of Easter will be told by Chris Fishel in the assembly room before the festivities begin. Children in third-grade or under are invited to participate. Kindergarten and younger must be accompanied by an adult and all should bring their own basket or bag for collecting the brightly dyed treasures. Volunteers are preparing the eggs and will be hiding them in two separate areas. Younger hunters will be in the front area of the chapel, with older children hunting eggs in the rear. Refreshments will be served afterward.

"We're so excited to have the whole community attend," Wilson said. Be sure to bring a camera to capture the fun.

Tax customers can get gifts with their return

Promotional perks offered for using free tax services

Redstone organizations have joined with the Redstone Tax Center to benefit the community.

Patrons at the center can receive gift certificates and other perks from the Commissary, the Post Exchange and from Morale, Welfare and Recreation.

"I appreciate them helping us out," Capt. William Carpenter, officer in charge of the tax center, said.

The Commissary is giving gift certificates as a community service, according to store administrator James Burchfield.

"We're glad for what the tax center's doing here," he said. "It's a good benefit."

The PX is giving each qualified customer of the tax center a complimentary calling card. In addition the customer can enter to win a \$100 gift certificate to be used at the Post Exchange, according to PX general manager Kenny Barton.

Morale, Welfare and Recreation is offering MWR gift certificates, also called

MWR bucks. "They're using it as door prizes I believe on a random basis for patrons of the tax center," Dan Ahern, director of personnel and community activities, said.

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Photo by Skip Vaughn

SHOWING SUPPORT— From left are Dan Ahern, director of personnel and community activities; PX general manager Kenny Barton, Commissary store administrator James Burchfield and Capt. William Carpenter, officer in charge of the tax center.

Communications upgrade project breaks new ground on post

Army raises standard for info technology

By EVETTE BROOKS
For the Rocket

A groundbreaking ceremony for the \$30 million Installation Information Infrastructure Modernization Program project was held Monday. The I3MP project is a synchronization tool for major Army automation and communications programs.

The Common User Installation Transport Network Program, the Outside Cable Rehabilitation Program, the Army DISN Router Program, and the Digital Switch Modernization Program will be combined and synchronized under I3MP.

"The project will speed up data transfer, and on the voice side, the program will enable Redstone to add approximately 50 percent more telephones. The new cables should also mean less trouble calls, lower maintenance cost and bring the backbone of the system in line with leading edge technology," Leon Coleman, telecommunica-

tion specialist for Jacobs Sverdrup, said.

I3MP standardizes information technology equipment requirements while creating an infrastructure flexible enough to meet increasing present and future requirements. It also accommodates technology advances.

"Cables leased through BellSouth are mostly strung between telephone poles and are anywhere from 18 to 30 years old. After heavy rain, older cable gets saturated and Redstone customers experience cross-talk on their telephone line," Coleman said.

Expected benefits include reduced costs for communications, faster data service and a better telephone system.

I3MP data network will operate at gigahertz speed, which means processing streaming video, video telephone and large file downloads. The overall project is expected to take about five years.

Although the community will experience road closures, detours, slow traffic and large construction equipment operating in various areas in the Arsenal, officials intend to keep disruptions to a minimum.

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Spring cleanup needs volunteers to work



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SETTING STAGE— Operation Green Team members, from left, Joy McKee (Operation Green Team executive director), Tommie Miller, Cherie Lamb and Woody Wilson (all volunteers from Covanta Energy Inc.) perform some pre-cleanup work along Brahan Spring.

Trash to be collected along creek in April

By KIM GILLESPIE
For the Rocket

Redstone Arsenal and Operation Green Team are looking for Redstone volunteers to help perform a trash cleanup along Huntsville Spring Branch, a creek that runs through Redstone Arsenal to the Tennessee River, April 5 from 9 a.m. to about noon.

"We would love to have 200 Team Redstone volunteers turn out to comb the bottomlands. No special skills are required, it's fun, and the time passes very quickly," Soos Weber, ecologist for the Garrison Environmental Office, said.

The cleanup of Huntsville Spring Branch was planned after interest in the trash problem was renewed by a recent newspaper article, she said. Huntsville city tributaries Pinhook Creek, Broglan Branch, Dallas Branch, and Fagan Springs feed urban trash into Huntsville Spring Branch. Huntsville Spring Branch joins Indian Creek and Barren Fork Creek before entering the Tennessee River at Triana.

Upon entering Redstone, Huntsville Spring Branch turns back into a vast swamp system that has been protected from channelization and still retains much of its natural ecosystem. "Unfortunately, it has been invaded by privet and other invasive plant species, and by all the trash that has migrated downstream from Huntsville. It looks particularly bad on Wheeler National Wildlife Refuge on the sound end of Redstone," Weber said.

The cleanup of Huntsville Spring Branch will kickoff April when Earth Day is celebrated. "Earth Day is April 22, and it is the 33rd anniversary of the National Earth Day. This is a great way to show your appreciation for the environment," Weber said. Additionally, an award will be announced on Earth Day at the Path to Nature for the group, agency or directorate that collects the most trash on Redstone based on the number of bags collected (with tires counting the equivalent of one bag of trash).

The Huntsville Spring Branch cleanup will mark the first joint cleanup effort between Redstone Arsenal and Operation Green Team. Operation Green Team is a Huntsville-funded organization governed by a volunteer board of directors. Weber represents Redstone Arsenal on the board, and Joy McKee serves as Operation Green Team executive director. Other sponsors include Wheeler National

Wildlife Refuge, the Tennessee Valley Authority and Boy Scout Troop 308.

McKee stresses that teamwork is the key to Operation Green Team. "We try to partner with other local groups and organizations because it is another way to bring the community together and raise awareness about various environmental issues," she said. "The timing of the cleanup of Huntsville Spring Branch on Redstone Arsenal is particularly appropriate because it is the 50th anniversary of Keep America Beautiful and April is 'Keep America Beautiful' month with its 'Great American Cleanup' campaign. President Bush is this year's honorary chair for the 'Great American Cleanup.' What better place to host a 'Great American Cleanup' than a U.S. Army installation?"

Weber and McKee will each lead a cleanup team, with Weber coordinating Team Redstone volunteers and cleanup on the Arsenal, and McKee directing her Operation Green Team members (who will perform cleanup along the City of Huntsville areas from Brahan Spring to the Arsenal boundary).

"If I get enough Redstone volunteers, I would like to cleanup as far downstream as we can — probably to the southern edge of Creek Road," Weber said. "I would also like to do McDonald Creek at the same time, as they are part of the same flood plain and both get the same trash."

Creek Road will most likely be the collection area for trash bags and tires. Since there is no road next to Huntsville Spring Branch, Weber cites an additional plan for transporting trash bags to Creek Road: placing the bagged trash by the side of the creek and using canoes to float it downstream to Creek Road where it can be picked up. "Volunteers won't have to carry bags for any great distance," she said.

The cleanup is authorized by the garrison commander, and the environmental, safety and legal offices.

"This is a fantastic opportunity for Team Redstone to demonstrate its environmental awareness and enthusiasm for teamwork," Col. Bob Devlin, the garrison commander, said. "The fact that Operation Green Team has offered to support us with this cleanup is an even greater incentive for us to show up in large numbers and display our pride in this installation. I challenge each organization on this garrison to have just five volunteers for this effort and we should have no problem reaching our goal of 200. It would really be great to see about 500 of our people there."

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Boy Scout builds bird houses for Eagle

Bluebird houses help golf course

A local Boy Scout made Eagle on the golf course without swinging a club.

Patrick Knox of Redstone Arsenal Boy Scout Troop 308 completed his Eagle Scout project Feb. 1 at Redstone Golf Course. Knox, a sophomore at Lee High, organized and supervised the building and installation of 28 bluebird houses on the course.

This ecological project was done with the help of the golf course maintenance staff who installed the 26 additional cedar

posts needed to mount the birdhouses. Knox, with the help of his fellow troop members, built the birdhouses during regular Monday troop meetings.

This Eagle Scout project contributes to the Redstone community by enhancing the ecology of the Arsenal. This project has increased the number of birdhouses from 32 to 60. The bluebird houses will provide returning bluebirds residences and attract their offspring in future years. Bluebirds traditionally return to their nests year after year. An accounting of eggs laid and offspring hatched will be continued biweekly throughout the next year.

Knox will receive his Eagle Scout badge at a special ceremony at a later date. He thanked the following for their support: Tim Stickley, Scoutmaster for

Troop 308; Larry Underwood, greens superintendent; golf course maintenance personnel; and Gunner Wallis, volunteer and project coordinator.



Courtesy photo

PROJECT WORK— Boy Scout Patrick Knox and his mother, Doris, work on a bluebird house for the golf course.

City joins post in team effort

Cleanup

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Volunteers will receive a safety briefing on-site, and all volunteers will be notified of the appropriate clothing to wear before the event. Operation Green Team will supply gloves, trash bags and some trash grabbers. The meeting site will be at the parking lot in front of the old Visitor's Center (on Martin Road at gate 1), where bathrooms and first aid will be available for volunteers. Wheeler National Wildlife Refuge will supply drinks and snacks.

"MWR will also have some very stable canoes available for us to do cleanups in the water, but only individuals with canoeing experience will be allowed to use those, and they must wear a personal flotation device," Weber said.

The Spring Branch Cleanup will be Weber's final job for the Environmental Office. She leaves Redstone after eight years,

and was responsible for many community related events such as tours for the Path to Nature, Earth Day celebrations, teacher workshops, and speaking engagements.

Weber hopes to see the Spring Branch Cleanup with Operation Green Team become an annual event. "Redstone Arsenal has been concerned about this problem for 20 years or more, and it has worked with the City of Huntsville, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and TVA to come up with a solution. However, the solution is a cleaning machine, and the machine itself would generate problems for the creek. For the moment, it's important to raise the public's environmental awareness — every piece of trash thrown on a city street ends up in a waterway somewhere because of erosion by water and gravity (waterways are the lowest point in the landscape)," she said.

Team Redstone members interested in volunteering should contact Weber at 842-0019 or susan.weber@redstone.army.mil. Deadline for volunteering is April 3.

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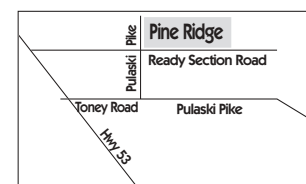
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SPECIAL DELIVERY— Acquisition Center workers preparing a care package include, from left, Patrick Walker, Ruth Easley, Nolen Jones, Rita Renegar, Sharon Nolen and Julie Davis.

Deployed co-workers receive care packages

By SKIP VAUGHN

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Members of the Acquisition Center wanted to do something for their four co-workers deployed in the Middle East.

So they sent them care packages from home.

The first four boxes, filled with toiletries contributed by the workers themselves, were shipped Feb. 10. Col. Scott Wilson, deputy executive director, made the original suggestion during the center's quarterly town meeting Jan. 22 at Bob Jones Auditorium.

Lt. Col. Steven Froniabarger, a senior procurement analyst, volunteered to take the lead and the rest of the center's approximately 600 workers did their part.

"That is just a way for us to show our love and appreciation to the soldiers and the civilian lady that's over there," contract specialist Mary Townsend said.

The boxes were filled with a variety of items such as Band-Aids, alcohol wipes, hand sanitizer, shaving cream, razors, toothbrushes, toothpaste, soaps, cookies and magazines. Each box was about 24-by-12 inches, 14 inches deep and weighed 35-40 pounds. "And we've got more than enough to send four more boxes," Townsend said.

Contracting officer Ruth Easley helped buy supplies and also got some children at Grace Lutheran School to write about 30

letters to the four. "And they were nice letters," she said. "Some of them were really, really cute."

The four include Tania Fak, a civilian in Kuwait since January; Capt. Paul Price, in Hungary since December; Lt. Col. Floyd Smith Jr. and Capt. Pete Ross, both in Uzbekistan since November.

"I think it's great," contract specialist Donna Camp said of the care packages. "These are our kids. They are our representatives over there. I think there's a need. And then also to know that they're remembered by someone at home helps them, too."

Froniabarger said he preferred to give others credit for the care packages. He is on a one-year tour as a reservist. He first arrived at Redstone in 1990 as a captain in the Multiple Launch Rocket System Project Office. Froniabarger left active duty, entered the Reserves and spent seven and a half years in Korea as an Army civilian and reservist. He returned in June 2001.

"It's a deep sense of connection with those (four deployed) people because I know how it feels to be a long way from home without," he said. "And despite the negative publicity in the newspaper and on TV, there is that sense of connection. We are united despite what the news media would project."

The acquisition workers plan to send boxes monthly to their co-workers who are deployed in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. They call their program "care packages to the troops."

"It'll be in existence as long as we have folks over there," Froniabarger said. "It'll be a live program until our folks are home."

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Take care in making shipments to troops

Here's some basic advice on shipping packages to deployed troops overseas:

The package should be no more than 108 inches in combined length and girth regardless of the size of the piece to be mailed, and a maximum weight of 70 pounds.

Do your homework before launching a mailing campaign. The Acquisition Center workers attribute their program's success to mailing their pack-

ages directly to individuals rather than to "any servicemember."

Check with the Post Office to see what you can and cannot send to Middle Eastern countries. With Muslim countries, sending things like pork is a no-no. And of course pornographic material is prohibited.

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Honored engineer learned early to persevere

Promising young career had humble beginning

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The young engineer recalls how his mother struggled financially to raise him and his brother. His father had left when he was a baby, leaving her to carry the burden as a single parent.

Darrell Quarles remembers. And he makes sure that all the awards he receives go to her, including his latest honor — national Black Engineer of the Year in the category of most promising engineer in government.

"This is a tremendous honor to receive it," the electronics engineer/project director in the Threat Systems Management Office said. "I feel very blessed in that I've worked hard. And to get an award and be recognized for my work, it feels great."

Quarles received the plaque Feb. 15 in Baltimore, Md., and plans to give it to his mother, Flora Quarles-McNeil of Camden, Ala. "I did my acceptance speech as a tribute to her," he said.

"Besides God, she has been my No. 1 inspiration to do everything I've done in life. She's always taught me put my trust in God. Any time I receive any type of award, it goes to her."

Quarles, 29, has worked for the Army three and a half years. He was a systems engineer at Coleman Research Corp. from 1997 until joining the Threat Systems Management Office in fall 1999. His work for the Army has taken him to France, Germany, England, Australia and Denmark. His office is part of the Program Executive Office for Simulation, Training and Instrumentation.

After Quarles was nominated as employee of the quarter within what was then STRICOM, the organization submitted a nomination package on his behalf to represent it on a national level. The package included a letter of recommendation from Brig. Gen. Stephen Seay, the commander in Orlando, Fla. The Black Engi-



Courtesy photo

TRIBUTE— Darrell Quarles delivers his acceptance speech for the national Black Engineer of the Year award as a tribute to his mother.

neer of the Year Selection Panel included representatives from several major companies and the government. Quarles received his award during the 17th annual Black Engineer of the Year Awards Professional Development Seminar and Celebration, Feb. 13-15 in Baltimore. The event was sponsored by Lockheed Martin Corporation, Daimler Chrysler Corp., U.S. Black Engineer & Information Technology Magazine, and the

Council of Engineering Deans of Historically Black Colleges and Universities.

Quarles earned a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering in 1997 from the University of Alabama in Huntsville and a master's in management of science and management of technology in 2000 from UAH. He and his wife, Yonka, a systems analyst with SY-Coleman Research, have a son, Jackson, 6 months.

"I was raised in a single parent home up till ninth-grade," Quarles said. "There were times my mother had to go on welfare; the work just wasn't there. There were times where we really had it tight at home. And that was just me and my mother and my brother as well. For the vast majority of our lives, there was just the three of us. My father left just before I turned 2 years old; he said he didn't want to deal with it."

But his mother persevered. She remarried when Quarles was in ninth-grade and put her two sons through school. His brother, Tyrone, 31, is an attorney in Alabaster. His sister, Victoria, 13, lives in Camden with their mother, now 49, and stepfather, Freddie McNeil.

Quarles, who was captain of the basketball team his last two years at Wilcox-Central High, calls himself a "sports fanatic" who enjoys being outdoors and playing hoops. He also likes studying the scriptures and serves as a sound technician for the television ministry at First Missionary Baptist Church in Huntsville. He participates in the pastoral care ministry at the church as well. His community service includes working with Christmas Charities Year Round and tutoring at several schools in north Huntsville, particularly Martin Luther King Jr. Elementary. Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Rho Eta Lambda Chapter in Madison, named him 2001 brother of the year for his community work.

He believes others can benefit from the lesson he learned from his mother.

"Put your faith in God," he advised. "No matter how bad the circumstances look, if you remember that God is in charge of your life, you'll be OK. And hard work and dedication pays off."

Youngsters' animation ready for competition

Ordnance school assists New Century students

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The audio enhanced animation was good by any standards even though it lasted only 30 seconds. What was even more impressive was the amount of work that went into tailoring the presentation and the dedication of the individuals that did it.

Students from New Century High School under the tutelage of Capt. Richard Langsmith spent eight weeks learning the equipment and constructing the final project. Their animation would compete against animations from five other area high schools in the annual FIRST (For the Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology) competition. Another New Century high school team was constructing a robot that would compete in a separate part of the competition against other robots in a "capture the flag" type scenario.

Langsmith, who has several years experience with animation techniques and software, learned of the competition

through his dialogue with Virginia College instructor Rick Johnson.

"Rick asked me if I could sponsor a group for the competition, and he informed me that New Century High School's team did not have a sponsor," Langsmith said. "I got Col. (David) Hafele to give his blessing for the project and after that the kids had a sponsor and the equipment they needed."

New Century High School is unique because it does not have sports. Students can take technology electives instead, and the spirit of competition and teamwork so often emphasized in team sports is instead achieved through technology and computer contests.

"This background helped lay the groundwork for the kids to meet the challenges inherent in the task they were about to undertake," Langsmith said. "It took them two weeks to master the basics before they could put their imaginations into the software because it is a very complex and even difficult software package."

"After teaching them basic knowledge, I had them specialize in a particular facet of the animation project — character construction, special effects, audio, lighting, design etc. When different areas over-

lapped, teamwork became a very important factor. The files had to be passed from one student to another so the new features could be added. "They are typical teenagers and I anticipated some minor difficulty in keeping them focused. I thought they might be bouncing off the walls. I was pleasantly surprised by their behavior. They were attentive learners and had no problem respecting the equipment and following the rules of a military installation," Langsmith said.

After the demonstration, 59th Ordnance Brigade commander Hafele spoke on the ties between military research and development and commercial technology. He specifically highlighted some of the ways this technology could be used in the Training and Doctrine Command classroom.

"If the student could view all angles of the piece of equipment they were learning how to operate and manipulate the graphic representation of that equipment using the mouse, it may be easier for them to get a feel for the equipment than it would be if all they had was a two-dimensional diagram in a training manual," Hafele said.

The robotics competition is March 27 and the regional competition for the animation is March 29, followed by the finals April 12.



Photo by Spec. Evan Morrow

THANK YOU— New Century High School student Justin Watson presents 59th Ordnance Brigade commander Col. David Hafele with a certificate of appreciation for allowing the animation team to use facilities at the Ordnance Munitions and Electronics Maintenance School.

Operations center chief retires to his cattle farm



Tillman Griggs served more than 33 years

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Tillman Griggs has plenty of time now for his main hobby — cattle farming.

The supervisory logistics specialist retired March 3 with more than 33 years of service to Redstone Arsenal and the Office of Personnel Management.

Griggs served as chief of sustainment and analysis for the Readiness Directorate at the Integrated Materiel Management Center and also as chief of the AMCOM Operations Center.

"Tillman has played a key role in the current contingency operations that are going on because the AMCOM Operations Center falls under Tillman," his supervisor, Marty Martin, deputy director for readiness, said.

"And Tillman has been instrumental in developing a contract for expanded staffing of the AOC as well as increasing the automation and secure communication capabilities."

Griggs, 55, is a Huntsville native. His career began in 1971 with the Office of Personnel Management as a part-time test examiner. He became a staffing specialist at OPM a few years later. In 1979 he became a staffing specialist in the Civilian Personnel Office at Redstone. He went to the newly-formed Readiness Directorate in July 1981 as a program analyst. Griggs has been chief of the policy, plans and programs division, a branch chief in the force modernization division and worked on several special projects. His last job was as division chief over sustainment and analysis in the directorate and as head of the command's operations center. He supervised about 30 people in the division and about 10 in the operations center which also had individual mobilized augmentees.

"The Army is an essential part of the

armed forces," Griggs said. "I feel that Redstone Arsenal is providing a direct service to our troops. And I feel AMCOM Operations Center and the Readiness Directorate are providing a service that is needed. We provide a 24-hour service. I feel it's important for the soldiers to understand and know that Redstone Arsenal is behind them and supporting them with parts and know how."

He and his wife, Judy, have three children. Their oldest daughter, Kasey Dean, 31, and son Justin, 24, are both married and residing in Gurley. Anna, 16, is a junior at Madison County High School.

"I just had the opportunity and I'm going home," Griggs said of his reason for retiring. "And I have a small registered Angus cattle farm (in Gurley). And I just thought it was time for a change."

Asked why he stayed with the government so long, he said, "I wasn't ready to retire. The government has been good to me. I've managed to pay my bills, provide a service and felt that I was needed."

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HAPPY TRAILS— Tillman Griggs shares a laugh during his retirement reception March 3.

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Cooking up funds

Col. David Hafele, commander of the Ordnance Munitions and Electronics Maintenance School and the 59th Ordnance Brigade, buys a cookbook from Leslie Dodgen, wife of the commanding general, as part of the Army Emergency Relief fund-raising campaign. The "Always Cooking Something" cookbooks are on sale for a minimum donation of \$5 at Army Community Service, phone 876-5397. ACS volunteer Phyllis Montgomery is the cookbook coordinator.

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Emergency drill

Troy Vest, installation fire chief, makes a point during a Force Protection Condition Delta tabletop exercise March 5. Col. Bob Devlin, garrison commander, also gathered key Arsenal and community officials March 4 for a tornado tabletop exercise. The commander reminded exercise participants that local radio and television stations, the Redstone Arsenal weather alert hotline 955-8445 and the Team Redstone home page will be used for Force Protection Condition and weather alerts. At right is HEMS paramedic Kenneth Burke.

Blue Angels flying into Huntsville for show

Show

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deli-style lunch, water and soft drinks all day, shaded table seating, theater style seating at the viewing area and VIP parking passes.

"We have made accommodations available for a wide range of desires, but the bottom line is that anyone can come out to the show," Barbie Peek, marketing director for Huntsville International Airport, said.

Gates open at 10 a.m. each day with the various aerial performances beginning at noon and gates closing at 4:30 p.m. The Blue Angels air demonstration is a mix of formation flying and solo routines using F/A-18 Hornets. The pilots perform an estimated 30 maneuvers during the aerial demonstration, which runs approximately one hour and 15 minutes.

"This will be a major event for both the City of Huntsville and all of the Tennessee Valley," Bill Johnston, chairman of the board of directors, Huntsville-Madison County Airport Authority, said. "This will be the first time that a military jet demonstration team has performed in Huntsville since the U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds appeared in 1967 at the grand opening of the airport. This will be an historic event for our airport and community."

Redstone Arsenal is providing assistance for the air show in several areas. In addition to providing support to the military elements and personnel participating in the show, Redstone has coordinated for static displays to be present throughout the air show grounds.

"Team Redstone will have an array of aircraft and equipment — like a Patriot, and National Guard/NASA fixed wing assets will be flown in," Toby Strange of TMI, a contractor supporting the Aviation and Missile Command's Deputy Commander for Systems Support's Business

Manager, said. "Helicopters, missiles, unmanned systems — both air and ground — and air traffic control elements will all be represented. Some of the equipment is with our guys overseas right now and some is cutting edge stuff. Also, recruiters from all services will be there. The Navy will have some flight simulators that are really slick. There'll be something for everybody."

Other attractions at the air show include the "Kids Hangar," which will feature rides and attractions for the little ones free of charge, and the Huntsville Technology Pavilion where local technology companies, defense contractors and other manufacturers will display their products and services.

The Provost Marshal Office will also have its K-9 teams demonstrate their skills. "We believe that families will find the air show to be a fun and educational event," Peek said.

Food and beverage concessions will be available as well as a variety of novelty, T-shirt and other aviation specialty vendors. Food and beverage, coolers, skateboards, rollerblades/skates, scooters, bicycles, or pets may not be brought into the air show area; and there is no smoking on the air show ramp.

Morale, Welfare and Recreation is also coordinating volunteers to help support this free event. Volunteers are needed for parking (collecting money, giving directions, showing cars the next parking space), gate entrances (checking for prohibited items), and Chalet seating (collecting tickets and giving wristbands in the chalet areas). All volunteers will receive an "Airshow Volunteer" T-shirt and a lunch coupon for their efforts. For more information about becoming an MWR volunteer, call Adrian Baker 955-7399.

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Goddard House gaining legendary status

Historic residence has colorful past

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What is it about the human psyche that requires things to be more than what they appear? We need a plot twist in our movies. We need all of our gadgets and gizmos to have hidden compartments and secret weapons. There is some yearning inside us that makes tall tales skyscrapers. The impressiveness of the truth is not enough. We need the bizarre and mysterious. A funny pseudo-fact thrown in to a historical account can enliven an oft told tale. Even Redstone is not immune. Fast on its way to legendary stature is the Goddard House.

The house, already 80 years old at the time, was taken on an 11.5 mile trek from its place of origin to where it still resides today. It was a two-day process well documented. The fact that it was accomplished so smoothly in 1955 is in itself a little awe

inspiring. The simple truth of the Army moving an aging two-story farmhouse across the post is not enough, however. Accompanying the story is the humorous account of two soda bottles and a paper cup, still upright on a window sill after the move. Believable? Maybe not. But this tiny touch of exaggeration brings a smile to the faces of almost all that hear it.

Rumors about the Goddard House didn't end with the move. Later guests added fuel to the fire. With the guestbook reading like a who's who column of the Army space and missile program, stories were sure to crop up like the cotton in the fields surrounding Redstone. Notably is the account of Secretary of Defense Elect Neal McElroy which may or may not be true. A guest, McElroy was dining at the Officers Club which was situated behind the Goddard House at the time. It was there that the announcement was made regarding the successful launch of Sputnik which put the Russians ahead in the space race. If you follow the story, it was

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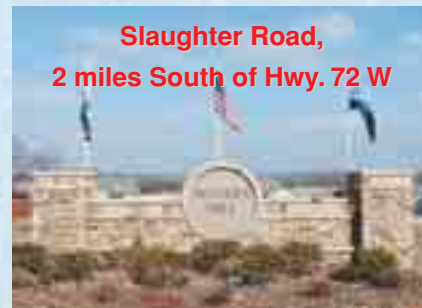
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By CHRIS SWART
For the Rocket

Army Family Team Building instructors reap intangible rewards.

Here is a testimonial from the volunteer program manager, Diane Moore. "I was so blessed to find out about AFTB right from the beginning of my husband's career and it has been and still is a major component in my transition to military life," she said. "The modules provide great information, but more than that, they are presented by a group of incredibly dedicated instructors who go out of their way to make sure we understand what they are presenting and make us feel so welcome. I was hooked from the start; and even with my limited military experience, I knew I wanted to have that kind of empowering impact on others, too."

"The potential for AFTB to positively influence the lives of soldiers and their families is infinite. The courses can be adapted to meet the needs of almost any group or situation, and that appealed to me. Moreover, AFTB allows me to be creative while providing a structured curriculum, as well. It is the perfect volunteer venue for me because it brings together my teaching background, my administrative abilities, my penchant for people, and my heart for military families."

'It was a refreshing way to gain knowledge and learn more about the military experience without some of the disarray I found with family readiness groups.'

—Miriam Oates
AFTB master trainer

"Especially now, we need to surround the Total Army Family with the support and the resources they need to succeed. I want to be one of the people who stand in the gap for her country now more than ever," Moore said.

The Army faces increasing challenges across the globe. With the increased demand and deployments of soldiers, the mission of AFTB has also increased in relevance and importance. Soldiers and their families need to be prepared for the challenges they face. You can accept the call to help Army families be ready for those challenges by becoming an AFTB instructor.

AFTB is a global educational program whose primary objective is to improve the overall readiness of the force by teaching and promoting personal and family readiness through standardized, progressive,

and sequential education of family members. Its purpose is to assist members of the Army family to adapt to Army life, manage change, and accept challenges. The basic philosophy of AFTB is the belief that individuals can function at a high level in any situation with minimal outside support when they have been appropriately trained. And most importantly, the training must be conducted by volunteers — specifically, trained AFTB volunteers. Volunteers are critical to the design, implementation, management, evaluation and success of the AFTB program.

The Redstone program is fortunate to have a diverse staff of 22 volunteer instructors.

"After having been a platoon sergeant for so many years, I missed working with and helping soldiers and their families," Talbot Hackett, a retired servicemember, said. "AFTB helps fill that void. The Redstone program has great people who are dedicated to the soldiers and AFTB is something I believe in."

Miriam Oates, an AFTB master trainer, recently joined the Redstone staff. When asked why she initially became involved in the program she said, "It was a refreshing way to gain knowledge and learn more about the military experience without some of the disarray I found with family readiness groups."

"Ever since my husband was drafted nearly 34 years ago my heart has been with the soldier and his family," Sharon Samuelson, spouse of a retired servicemember, said. "Sometimes we have soldiers or family members that come to our classes angry with the Army or with a chip on their shoulder. Most of the time, by the end of the week's instruction, they have had their questions answered, learned how to solve their problems — or where the resources are to help solve their problems — and they have learned more about Army life."

Sgt. Brad Silvia and his wife, Tracy, completed instructor training together last October. "I actually enjoy telling others about the positive aspects the Army has to offer, not the negative everyone sees," Tracy said. Brad's motivation for becoming an AFTB instructor was to become a more informed NCO.

Katie Atkinson, an Army spouse for 18 years, thought she knew it all when she attended Level I classes. She was surprised to learn so much new information. She soon became a master trainer and

derives a great deal of satisfaction from knowing that she has helped someone by guiding them to the proper resources. "I enjoy the camaraderie of working with a delightfully diverse group of instructors," she said. "My greatest reward is seeing young families getting involved and getting the most out of their Army career, be it for two years or 20."

Nicole Barnard's motivation is simple, "I do it because I love soldiers. As a soldier and a soldier's wife I know that the Army cannot do its job effectively without the family understanding what is happening. Also, as a person functioning in the civilian world, you realize how little people know about the military and the importance of representing it accurately."

Julie Clippinger's enthusiasm for AFTB was sparked upon completion of Level I classes.

"From my past experience of helping other military wives on a one-on-one basis, I felt I could reach more people by becoming an instructor for AFTB," she said. "I incorporate my past experiences into my classes. It feels good when a student shares their relief over learning that I have gone through what they are going through now. Not only do I enjoy helping others, I also enjoy the other volunteers. I have learned so much from them. AFTB is such a great program. I often wished that I could've gotten involved in AFTB when my family first came into the Army; it

would've made our lives a bit easier. But then, where could I have gotten my past experiences from to help others with?"

Jennifer Kennedy feels AFTB is an excellent teaching tool for new soldiers and their families. "I believe it is one of the most important programs the Army has implemented in a long time," she said.

The Redstone AFTB program has flourished under Moore's leadership. Moore excels as the group's leader because she shares the desire to do more for Army families. She understands that AFTB volunteers are only motivated by what they can do for others.

Does this sound like a group you'd like to join? The Redstone program is in need of volunteers to instruct or augment the office staff. Interested volunteers must complete Level I as an introduction to the program before they can enroll in Instructor Training. Level I courses may be completed online. Learn more about the program at the Army Family Team Building web site, www.army-familyteambuilding.org, or by calling Army Community Service, 876-5397.

Instructor Training is scheduled for March 31 through April 3. No teaching background is required, just a genuine desire to help Army families succeed. Classes will be held at Army Community Service, building 3338 on Redeye Road, from 6-9 each night. Space is limited. Call 876-5397 by March 21 to reserve your seat and arrange for free child care.

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Troop basketball teams move toward playoffs



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UNDER BOARDS— AMCOM's Michael Gola (3) and Bryan Phillips (10) await a rebound during their game Feb. 19 against Delta Company. Delta won 51-39.

AMCOM's Gola scores 18 in win over NCO Academy

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Tonight's game between HHC 59th and Delta may preview the postseason tournament final for troop basketball.

The 59th (15-1) and Delta (16-1) remain the teams to beat entering the tourney scheduled to start next Monday. They'll meet tonight at 7 at Pagano Gym.

"It should be a heck of a game," sports director Ted Compoc said.

The league's 10 teams will play in the double-elimination tournament which should last about a week. If everything goes as scheduled, the final may happen March 26.

Any team that forfeits a game in the tournament will be automatically eliminated, according to Compoc.

On March 5 at Pagano, Michael Gola scored 18 and Derrick Davis added 14 as AMCOM beat the NCO Academy 49-30. AMCOM (9-8) led 19-14 at halftime.

Demmonique Walker scored 16 for the NCO Academy (8-7).

"We played together and moved the ball

well," said AMCOM forward Lorenzo France, who scored eight points. "We moved the ball smart, got everybody involved in the game, kept driving the ball to the basket getting them out of the game."

AMCOM's all-forward lineup should benefit from the return of guard Jerrod Mike. "He's one of our key players that can handle the ball," France said.

The 59th, which fell to Bravo in last year's postseason final, won the preseason tournament.

"If we go out there and hustle and play hard-nosed ball, that's the only chance we'll have against 59th," France said.

In other games last week AMCOM d. Bravo-1 by forfeit, Delta d. Bravo-2 by forfeit, Headquarters & Alpha d. Alpha 131st by forfeit, NCO Academy d. Bravo-1 53-44, Charlie d. Alpha 131st by forfeit, Marines d. Headquarters & Alpha 57-40, HHC 59th d. Headquarters & Alpha 76-51, Delta d. Marines 82-54, Delta d. Bravo-1 46-44, HHC 59th d. Charlie 78-53 and AMCOM d. Alpha 131st by forfeit.

Here were the league standings entering this week: Delta (16-1), HHC 59th (15-1), Marines (12-6), AMCOM (9-8), NCO Academy (8-7), Bravo-1 (7-8), Headquarters & Alpha (7-10), Charlie (6-11), Alpha 131st (2-13) and Bravo-2 (2-13).

Unbeaten 10-under Bulldogs winners in classroom, too

North Huntsville team going to state tourney

By SKIP VAUGHN

Rocket editor

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A 10-and-under boys basketball team in north Huntsville is heading to the state tournament at 34-0. But its record doesn't tell the full story.

The coaches, including Redstone worker Thomas Bell, serve as mentors for the players, monitor their progress in school and bring them to practice if they need a ride. Other parents have taken notice and asked if their sons can get involved.

The Alabama Northern Bulldogs have set a standard that will be hard to match.

"I can't say enough about them on and off the court," Bell, a weapon systems coordinator in the Readiness Directorate at Integrated Materiel Management Center, said. "We instill 'no sir, yes sir' with their parents. It's more than just basketball. The kids deserve to go to state if you look at their accomplishment."

"That is a major accomplishment for kids of this age to maintain their composure, especially when they were down, and come back and win the game."

Representing the Dr. Richard Showers Center, the Bulldogs went 30-0 in their regular season city games at Braham Spring Recreation Center. They won four straight in the east district tournament



Photo by Skip Vaughn

COURT'S IN SESSION— Assistant coach Thomas Bell gives pointers to Alan Baker, left, and Chris Bell.

Feb. 13-15 at the Albertville Recreation Center, qualifying for the state playoffs March 14-16 in Alexander City. Trevor Lacey scored 13 points and Bell's son Chris had 11 as the Bulldogs beat Monrovia All-Stars 54-32 in the district final.

The head coach is Danny Pace, whose mother Marietta Jennings retired from the Readiness Directorate a few years ago. His assistants include Bell, Eddie Massey, Bobby Rucker and Chris Baker. They got together several years ago because their kids didn't have a coach.

"We've been involved since," Bell said. "There was a need for it. We saw the need and got involved and did what needed to be done."

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Hunting, fishing council invites community

Town Hall meeting slated for Thursday

By KIM GILLESPIE
For the Rocket

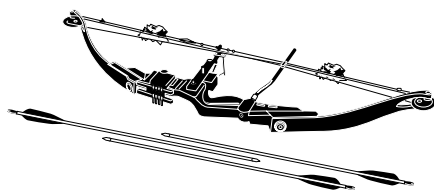
The Redstone Arsenal Hunting and Fishing Council will conduct a Town Hall meeting Thursday at 6 p.m. in the Recreation Center, building 3711. All interested Team Redstone members are encouraged to attend.

"The Town Hall is meant to be a sounding board for issues concerning hunting and fishing on Redstone Arsenal. We use the feedback we get from Town Hall attendees to shape our future guidelines for hunting and fishing on Redstone," Bill Moreland, director of Outdoor Recreation, said.

Top agenda items for Thursday's meeting include civilians bringing guests, new bow hunting areas for deer, and policy and quotas for the upcoming turkey season.

"These are issues of high interest for sportsmen at Redstone, so we hope to get as much feedback as we can," Moreland said.

Other agenda items include the past



season's game harvest results, upcoming fishing season news and current size limits on ponds.

New initiatives such as the procedures for MWR partnership in hunting and fishing projects and the recreational shooting partnership with NASA will be discussed.

"We will also talk about enforcement of our rules. Our new deer carcass disposal policy will be strictly enforced and will include the loss of hunting privileges for any violation," Moreland said.

Ad hoc representatives will be introduced, and information about how to contact them will be included at the meeting. While there is an agenda for the Hunting and Fishing Town Hall meeting, questions and comments are welcome.

Team 2 shakes off slow start

Team 2 got a boost from new member Maria Cepeda from Colombia in the Redstone Arsenal Volleyball League.

In its match March 5 against team 3, No. 2 forfeited the first game for not having five players. But the team rallied to win the next two games 25-23, 21-19 behind Cepeda's serving, some well placed shots by Al Johnson and great saves from Tira Williams and Tien Chau.

Team 4 beat team 1 25-22, 25-20, 20-

22 in a seesaw battle. Team 4 was led by Henry Zamora, George Guzman, Tim Powell, Pam Anderson and Sharie Smith. Nicknamed "5 Alive," team 1 leaders included Randy Pestona, Bill Young, Cathy Young, Donna Lowen, Nancy Pestona and Jake Hale.

The league is still recruiting players and teams. Everyone is invited to participate in open play Sundays from 3:30-5:30 p.m. For more information, call Paul Banks 842-6131 or Felix Milar 313-6091.

■ Perks offered for users of center

Taxes

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The tax center has partnered with the PX, Commissary and MWR to bring its

clients promotional incentives that further add to the free tax preparation and free electronic-filing services that always make the center's services so valuable, according to a center release. For more information or an appointment, call 842-1040.



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Family team

The Holy Family School fifth- and sixth-grade boys' basketball Maroon team went 12-0 during the regular season in the Huntsville Independent School League. Team coaches were Aviation and Missile Command employees Homer Reynolds, Resource Management Directorate and Freddie Thompson, Acquisition Center. Standing from left are Thompson, assistant coach; Phillip-Michael Scruggs; Everic Smith; William Thompson; Garrett Parker; and Reynolds, head coach. Kneeling from left are Darren Hall, Monshae McNeal and Joseph Knighten. Not pictured is assistant coach Michael Scruggs.

■ Historic home generates folklore

House

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there that Maj. Gen. John Medaris and Dr. Wernher von Braun beseeched him to let Redstone attempt space flight. It may not be documented and detailed with the usual Amy precision, it may not even be true, but it is a great story. Imagine the breathless soldier running in with the news. Imagine the occupants of the room leaping to their feet, disbelief and a touch of anger in their faces. Then imagine the two men from Redstone pleading and reasoning with McElroy for their chance. It's an Oscar winning scene if ever there was one.

The Goddard House has not only been the scene of inspirational dramas. Often passed tales also have it as the scene of

spooky thrillers. Over the years rumors of it being haunted have abounded. Earlier occupants have spoken freely about ghost sightings and unexplained occurrences. Visitors have complained about slamming doors and the crying of a baby that was not there. Military policemen on patrol have reported strange lights and doors mysteriously unlocked or slammed

Anyone who remains on Redstone for any length of time hears about the Goddard House, named after a famous scientist and accommodations for a list of noteworthy people. They hear about the move, the famous visitors, the renovations and remodels. The money spent and reasoning behind its use and location are all good stories. However, it is the stories that go along with the stories that take the stately old home from merely notable to legendary status.

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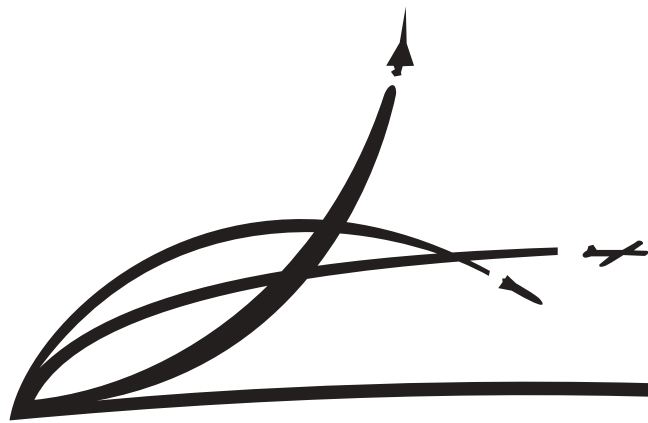
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Sports & Recreation

Golf league

The OMMCS Golf League will have its 2003 season meeting Thursday at 4:30 p.m. at the Redstone Golf Course clubhouse. It appears that at least two of the 20 league teams will not field a team this year. "We are looking for teams to fill the void left in our league, as well as individual golfers to participate with some of our teams that have lost a player or two," a prepared release said. For more information, call Dean Anderson 313-3477 or Dave Parker 313-4196.

In-line hockey

The Redstone Arsenal Youth Sports In-Line Hockey League will begin play March 31 and is now registering. Play will be held on the RSA In-Line Hockey Rink, located on Goss Road near the Military Lodging office. Cost is \$75 for active duty dependents, \$100 for retired military, Guard, Reserve, DoD, Army, NASA and RSA contractors' dependents. Cost is \$125 for non-government affiliated dependents. Fees include jersey, hockey membership, insurance and rink time. Central Registration fee is \$15 per child or \$35 per family per year if not already registered. A current physical and a copy of the child's birth certificate are required for registration. For more information, call 876-3704 or 313-3699.



Conferences & Meetings

Federal attorneys

The North Alabama Chapter of the Federal Bar Association will present its first Personnel/Labor Law Symposium at the Four Points Sheraton Hotel, April 15. Speakers include Merit Systems Protection Board administrative judges, an Equal Employment Opportunity Commission administrative judge, a former general counsel of the Federal Labor Relations Authority, an assistant U.S. attorney, and a labor relations specialist. Application for six hours of Alabama and Tennessee Continuing Legal Education credit has been made. Managers, employees, human resource professionals, union officials and attorneys are the focus audience. Topics include evolving issues in employment discrimination, Rehabilitation Act of 1973 update, Litigation before the MSPB and significant cases, and labor relations in the post partnership era. For more information, call 955-4521 or 895-1104.

Logistics training workshop

The Logistics Support Activity's Worldwide Logistics Training Workshop, formerly known as Major Item Training Workshop, is March 17-21 at Bob Jones

Auditorium. "We believe the Worldwide Logistics Training Workshop provides an opportunity for attendees to receive instruction and obtain a wide range of information on logistics systems, programs and initiatives," a prepared release said. "It provides auditorium training, classroom training, hands-on computer training, one-on-one training, and Help Desk support. Furthermore, this provides a chance for everyone to meet his or her customers." The theme for this year's workshop is "WLTW-LOGSA — Celebrating 10 years of logistics excellence: Supporting the Warfighter into the Future." Register online by completing the 2003 Worldwide Logistics Training Workshop Registration Form at www.logsa.army.mil. Cost is a reimbursable fee of \$75 for government employees and \$125 for non-government employees.

Joint electronic warfare

The Navy will hold the 48th annual Joint Electronic Warfare Conference, May 6-8 at the Naval Postgraduate School, Monterey, Calif. The conference is for U.S. government personnel only. For more information call Susan Hynds, Naval Air Weapons Division, (805) 989-4018 or Melody Dates (805) 989-7832.

Test and evaluation days

The Test and Evaluation Management Agency will sponsor its sixth Army T&E Days — "Building Test Capabilities for the Future: Supporting FCS, The Objective Force, and the Next Generation Army" — on June 3-5 at the South Hall of the Von Braun Center. Guest speakers invited include Claude Bolton Jr., ASA(ALT); Lt. Gen. John Caldwell Jr., MILDEP, ASA(ALT); Lt. Gen. Johnny Riggs, Dir., OFTJ; Walter Hollis, DUSA(OR); Maj. Gen. Robert Armbruster, Cdr, ATEC; and Dr. Mike Andrews, DASA, R&T-Ch Scientist. An exposition will be held in conjunction with the conference. Government and industry organizations are encouraged to participate in the exposition. Registration is \$325 (form is on website) and is in TIP. For more information, call Michael McFalls 876-3462 or Sherry Hilley 842-6715. The web site is www.testeval-days.com.

Native American club

The Flying Eagles Club will meet at School Age Services, building 3400 on Gray Road, every Thursday beginning March 13. The club will highlight Native American drumming and dancing. Participants will also learn about Native American culture. Parents are invited to attend with their children. This activity is open to children of any active duty and retired military personnel, Guard, Reserve, DoD, Army, contractor and NASA dependents registered at Child and Youth Services.

For registration information or details on the club, call the Youth Center 876-6595 afternoons Monday through Friday.

Sergeants major

The Sergeants Major Association will hold its monthly meeting March 20 from 6:30-7:30 in the morning at the Redstone Golf Club. For more information, call retired CSM Jean Rose 313-1659.

Women accountants

American Society of Women Accountants will meet Monday at 5:30 p.m. at the Tom Bevill Center, 550 Sparkman Drive. Darryl Walker, of Compliance Service Group, Beason & Nalley, is to speak on government contracting. Dinner starts at 6 and the program at 6:30. Cost is \$16.50 for members, \$17.50 non-members and \$16.50 first-time visitors. For more information, call 830-0377.

Investment club

Computerized Investing Model Club seeks members interested in starting a long-term investment program. It meets the first Sunday of each month from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Trinity United Methodist Church, 607 Airport Road, room 120 (Epworth Hall). The next meeting is April 6. To register or for more information, call Tom Robinson 883-7113.

Administrative professionals

The Redstone Arsenal Chapter, International Association of Administrative Professionals will hold its membership meet-

ing soliciting new members at its 11 a.m. luncheon March 18 at the Officers and Civilians Club. For more information, call Ellen Mahathey 876-4273.

Community town hall

The Redstone Garrison will host a Community Town Hall meeting, March 18 at 6 p.m. at the Recreation Center, building 3711 (Aerobee and Patton Roads). All residents, retirees and employees are invited. Community Town Hall meetings provide information and feedback on community developments. Members of the staff will be on hand to answer questions or concerns from the community. For more information, call Ivy Downs 876-3376.



Miscellaneous

Business scholarships

The Redstone Arsenal Chapter, International Association of Administrative Professionals will present two \$1,000 scholarship awards to a high school and college student majoring in a business field. Merit awards may apply toward tuition, books and fees for undergraduate or graduate level studies. Deadline for applications is April 30. For more information or a scholarship application, call Patricia Motes 876-9317.

Spring break registration

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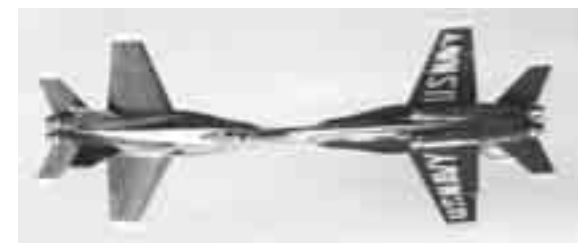
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Charitable organizations

The Tennessee Valley Combined Federal Campaign is accepting applications from federated groups, charitable organizations or a combination thereof, for participation in the 2003 fund-raising campaign. In accordance with Title 5, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 950, an organization must have 501-c-3 status, proof of human health and welfare services, an annual audit/IRS 990 Form, and a board of directors. The open period for acceptance of application packages is March 17 to April 7. Contributions to this fund-raising campaign are received from federal employees, active military personnel, retired federal employees, and governmental contractor personnel from Madison, Morgan, Marshall, Limestone, Cullman and Lawrence counties as well as Lincoln County, Tenn. For more information or to obtain an application call Melinda Seigler, CFC director for United Way of Madison County, at 536-0745, ext. 108 or the CFC office 876-9143. Local applications may also be downloaded from www.cfc.gov/cfc or picked up at the United Way of Madison County, 701 Andrew Jackson Way, Huntsville. E-mail inquiries may be made to: Melinda.Seigler@uwahsv.org. March 14 is the deadline for local charitable agencies to apply for participation in the fall 2003 State Combined Campaign; for information call Jamie Waller 536-0745, ext. 113.

Public affairs survey

In an effort to improve the way the Garrison and Aviation and Missile Command's Public Affairs Office does business, the office has developed an online Customer Satisfaction Survey. The online survey can be accessed on the web at the following internet sites: https://intranet2.redstone.army.mil/pub_affairs/ or http://www.redstone.army.mil/pub_affairs. The Public Affairs Office hopes to receive input from both past customers and potential customers. The survey has 10 questions, half of which may be answered by simply clicking on your desired response. Available responses to these questions range from 1 to 5, Strongly Disagree to Strongly Agree. The remaining five questions require answers that must be typed in the space following the questions. When you complete the survey, simply click on the "Submit" button. The survey takes little time to complete. The Public Affairs Office is looking for submissions that reflect honest responses and will use the survey results to improve its services to its customers. By having customers and potential customers respond to the survey, the PAO will better know what its customers expect, what it is doing right

or wrong, and how to function more efficiently.

Professional development

The 2003 BIG Professional Development Seminar, sponsored by Blacks in Government, is Thursday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Bob Jones Auditorium. Motivational speaker Lee Milteer is to conduct the morning session. For more information, call 551-7230.

Thrift shop donations

The Thrift Shop is accepting written applications for donations. It can only accept requests from charitable organizations that have a federal tax exemption number. The deadline for requests is April 14. Please include your federal tax number and mail to Redstone Thrift Shop, Building 3209, Hercules Road, Redstone Arsenal, AL 35898.

Thrift shop hours

The Thrift Shop, building 3209 on Hercules Road, is open for shopping Wednesdays and Fridays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Thursdays from 9-5. Walk-in consignment hours are Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Appointments are Wednesdays and Thursdays 12:30-3 p.m. The Thrift Shop will not be accepting clothes during March except for children's Easter dresses/suits. The shop is looking for volunteers. For more information, call 881-6992.

Software courses

Florida Tech will offer the following professional development courses in building 5304, room 4370: Testing Computer Software, March 24-26; and Software Test Automation Architecture, March 27-28. For more information, call 881-7878.

Spring break classes

Children ages 6-12 can learn and play with their grandparents or caregivers during "Kids & Karegivers Week," March 24-28 at the Senior Center, 2200 Drake Ave. Registration fee is \$10 per child. All youngsters must be accompanied by a caregiver. Registration forms are available at the Senior Center gift shop.

Civilian of year

Redstone-Huntsville Chapter of the Association of the U.S. Army is soliciting nominations for the Department of Army Civilian of the Year Award. The chapter nominee will compete with others at the regional level for the AUSA Exceptional Service Award, presented during the association's annual meeting in October in Washington, D.C. Submit nominations, including a letter of endorsement, by March 14 to DA Civilian of the Year Selection Committee, c/o TBE, Attn: Jerry Hamilton, 300 Sparkman Drive, MS 50, Huntsville, AL 35805; fax 726-3658. For more information, call Hamilton 726-1033 or Henry Oldham 971-7165.

Space camp scholarships

Applications for Space Camp scholarships are available through Friday at the Post Exchange, Army Community Service and local schools. Active duty and

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Announcements

retired military family members living within a 50-mile radius of Redstone Arsenal are eligible to win a week at Space Camp (grades 4-6), Space Academy (grades 7-8) or Aviation Challenge (grades 7-9). Deadline for application submission to ACS is noon Friday, along with a copy of the child's military ID card, the completed application, and a 1-2 page handwritten essay. For more information, call ACS 876-5397.

Teams week

Huntsville's military, space and academic communities are gearing up for the third annual Technological Excellence in Aviation Missiles and Space week. TEAMS week, March 31 through April 3 at the Von Braun Center, will feature four concurrent conferences. This year's theme is "Delivering Technology Today — Developing Technologies for Tomorrow." The event is sponsored by the Huntsville Association of Technical Societies.

Veteran scholarships

The Alabama Department of Veterans Affairs offers the "Alabama G.I. Dependents' Scholarship Program." For more information, call Tom Wharton 876-0392.

Prepaid college tuition

Alabama's Prepaid Affordable College Tuition Program is a division of the State Treasurer's Office; and the statute designates the state treasurer as chairman of the board of directors. Parents, grandparents and other family members are encouraged

to invest in PACT for Alabama's children. For more information, call Tom Wharton 876-0392.

Volunteer translators

If you speak a foreign language and are interested in volunteering to help military families with translation services, contact Army Community Service. Translators in every language are needed. The amount of volunteer time and services provided is determined by the volunteer translator. Services might include attending meetings and appointments, assisting with forms and applications, written and verbal translations. New volunteers are required to fill out an application which is available through ACS by calling 876-5397 or stopping by building 3338 on Redeye Road. For more information call Mary Breeden, Relocation Assistance Program manager, 876-5397 or Mary Green, Volunteer Center of Madison County, 539-7797.

Engineering scholarships

Alabama-Mississippi Section of the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics announces its 2003 Engineering Scholarship Program for high school seniors. For more information and applications call Victor Giuliano 721-2422, G. Alan Lowrey 544-7684 or Kevin Connell 782-5972.

Master's degrees

Nova Southeastern University will hold an information meeting on its master of

business administration program March 20 from 6-8 p.m. at Calhoun Community College, conference room 101-E, 102 Wynn Drive. Classes meet in Huntsville on an 18-month alternate weekend format. For more information call Bill Spade 800-672-7223, ext. 5046 or contact him by e-mail: bill@huizenga.nova.edu.

Tax assistance center

The Redstone Tax Center, building 3489 off Ajax Road, provides free tax preparation and electronic filing services to active duty and retired military and their dependents. It is open Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. by appointment only, and Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 5-7 for walk-in services. For an appointment, call 842-1040.

Women's history program

The Team Redstone Women's History Program is March 27 at 1:30 p.m. in Bob Jones Auditorium. The 2003 theme for Women's History Month is "Women Pioneering the Future."

Isbell academy

The Janice Mitchell Isbell Academy is accepting registration through March 31 for the 2003-04 school year for students in grades 2-8. For more information, call the school 746-9206. The Isbell Academy, a non-profit, tax-exempt school, services students who are struggling in a traditional classroom.

Musical performance

The Academy for Academics and Arts will present "Honk!," a musical adaptation of Hans Christian Anderson's "The Ugly Duckling," Saturday at 1 p.m. at the school at 2800 Poplar St. Tickets are available at the door. For more information, call 428-7600.

Quarterly retirement ceremony

The Quarterly Post Retirement Ceremony for Redstone Arsenal's military retirees is March 20 at 9 a.m. at the Youth Activities Center gym, building 3148.

Newcomers' orientation

Learn about Redstone Arsenal by attending the Army Community Service Newcomers' Orientation 8:30 a.m. April 1 at building 3338 at the intersection of Mauler and Redeye Road. The orientation features speakers, information booths, refreshments and a bus tour of Redstone Arsenal. Participants receive Morale, Welfare and Recreation bucks redeemable at MWR activities. Attendance is mandatory for active duty personnel permanently stationed at Redstone. Spouses are encouraged to attend. Free child care is offered. For more information, call Mary Breeden 876-5397.

Waiting spouses

Waiting Spouses will have Mexican Fiesta night Saturday. Everyone's invited to bring their favorite Mexican dish (with recipe) and come out for a festive night of food and fun. They plan to play bingo afterward and have plenty of interesting prizes. Waiting Spouses is a group of ladies who are geographically separated from their husbands. They get together monthly for social activities and would like to extend a special invitation to spouses of National Guard and Reserves whose husbands have been activated and are now away. Child care is provided. For more information about this group or activity, and to RSVP for child care, call Kristi Foster or Tracy Silvia at Army Community Service 876-5397.

Prayer breakfast

The next Nondenominational Prayer Breakfast, sponsored by the Integrated Materiel Management Center, is March 25 at 7:30 a.m. at building 5308, room 8124. "No food or drinks will be served, but you may bring your own or feast on the message of the morning," a prepared release said. Everyone is invited. For more information, call Cliff Canady 876-1587.

Training opportunities

South Central Civilian Personnel Operations Center's Training and Learning Center announces its third quarter regional training opportunities. The complete course announcement is available on its web site located at <http://cpolrhp.belvoir.army.mil/scr/>; scroll down and click on Training Information and then click on Training Opportunities-SC Region. A listing of all training available in the South Central Region will appear. Select the course you are interested in and you will have the complete course announcement, including enrollment procedures. You must contact the course manager for a payment authorization sheet to complete your registration. For more information, call Louise Olszewski 842-6540 or Marsha Samples 842-6543.

Professionals week

The Redstone Arsenal Chapter, International Association of Administrative Professionals will sponsor its annual Administrative Professionals Week training April 22 from 8-noon in the SELA Auditorium, building 5400. Registration is 7:30-8 a.m. For more information, call Arnita Lee 842-6038.

Chili cookoff

The Redstone MWR Community-wide Chili Cookoff is today from 10-2 at the Firehouse Pub, building 114 on Hankins Road. Winners are to be announced at 3:30. For more information, call Brandie DeRemer 313-1202/1203.

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Boys team sets high standards on and off court

Team

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"I think talent-wise we've got as much talent as I've ever seen at this age level," Pace, coach the past six years, said. "They're very coachable kids. And if there's another 10-and-under team as good as this one, I want to see them."

The youngsters have gone 93-5 in the six years they've been together. Their coaches also emphasize school; and all 10 are A and B students.

"These kids know if you don't get your grades, you don't play," Pace said.

Chris Bell, a forward who had his 11th birthday Feb. 4, leads the team with 11 points per game. Tyler Richardson, a guard, averages nine. Lacey, a guard, is "probably my best all-around player," Pace said. "The leadership that he showed is really amazing at this age level."

"We've got a lot of good players," Chris Bell said.

Point guard Alan Baker, 10, began playing when he was 6. Now he's on his way to the state tournament. "It makes me feel proud," he said.

Bell, 51, was a 6-foot-1 forward in high school in the early 1970s at Lincoln Park Academy in Fort Pierce, Fla. "I've always had a love for the game," he said.

He and the other coaches pass that on to the youngsters and encourage them to do their school work. They also provide an informal taxi service for practices.

"Lord knows there've been times we've been practicing at the gym and a kid's sitting at home. And our philosophy is: The kid's not doing any good by staying at home; let's go get him. And we do," Bell said.

They plan to leave March 13 for the trip to Alexander City, taking the youngsters in one vehicle. If interested in contributing, call Bell at home at 859-1317.

"We're still raising funds for the trip," he said. "Contributions have been slow but what we don't collect will come out of our pockets."

The Bulldogs include Danny Pace Jr., Exavier Massey, Chris Bell, Lacey, Tevin Cunningham, Adrian McDonald, Alan Baker, Richardson, Andrew Rucker and Devorne Garth.

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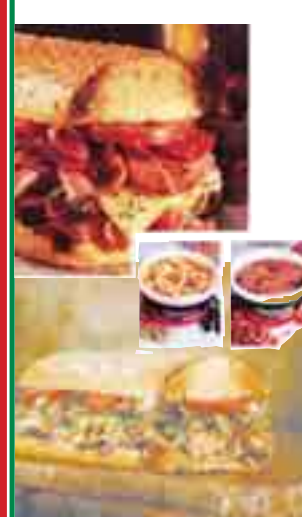
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